

### REMARKS

Claims 15, 17, 18 and 21-28 remain pending in the present application after cancellation of claims 16, 19 and 20.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 22-28.

The Examiner objected to claims 16-18 and 21 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner also indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, independent claim 15 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 16 (which is now canceled). Accordingly, amended claim 15 and its dependent claims 17, 18 and 21 are in allowable condition.

Rejected claims 19 and 20 have been canceled.

In view of all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims 15, 17, 18 and 21-28 are in allowable condition. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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